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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Occasional Rain.
Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Rain or snow.

GET THE RIGHT MAN!

Tomorrow night at the first meeting of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for the year 1908, a new staff of officers must be nominated and elected, and so far as can be ascertained, there is no particular choice apparent. It will be distinctly up to the live Astorians present, to select their new people on the spot. There may be dozens of nominations in each of the several cases, and this will be for the better in the end. It will show there had been no combination nor ulterior purpose of any kind, and that the issue lies squarely before the Chamber for honest despatch.

The main thing is to get the right man for every post in organization. The presidency is, of course, the most essential of all, since whosoever is chosen becomes at once the de facto representative and mouth-piece of the community in large and small matters of local development. We do not care who he shall be, so long as he stands for the real progress of the city and county and has the courage of his conclusions on matters of communal concern. The wavering, half-hearted, opinionless, deprecator will be worse than a "dead" man. What is wanted is a man who, knowing the purpose of the Chamber after due discussion, will gather his liveliest colleagues about him and go after it, wisely, decently, but with snap and courage, and bring it in. There are plenty of people here of the sort and honors should be passed around.

This, of course, without an atom of adverse reflection on, or disparagement of, the gentlemen who have served so well and faithfully in the past. The new year is likely to be charged with big and propitious things for this end of the Columbia river and we must be in position to take prompt advantage. Procrastination and dalliance and lack of initiative will work inconceivable harm this year; and to fore-fend against it, is to have our forces in trim and readiness for the crucial moment and its largess.

Come out tomorrow night, everybody, and see to this!

OUR "WEAKEST LINK."

"No chain is stronger than its weakest link."

Astoria's chain of progress has a weak link and the communal "hauling-gear" has snapped a time or two on account of it.

We can easily trace the flaw to our absolute lack of community-spirit; the oneness of sentiment and purpose that moves things because of the irresistible force that compels respect and concession; the essence of power that will not be denied nor thwarted.

It is this very faculty that has placed Portland at the supreme head of the commercial life of Oregon, and keeps her there. It is the most immensely valuable item of local equipment. And the city or town without it, must cultivate it, or side-step the good things that else would be theirs.

The best and nearest expression of this spirit in Astoria lies in the big fact of the successful maintenance of our Chamber of Commerce, and this is making a widespread impression in favor of the city; but it is not enough to simply maintain the Chamber. We must do the things that come directly from that policy, and band ourselves as a solid unit for ACCOMPLISHMENT. To devise things that may be done for the public good, is but the first meagre step. To do things after they have been proven excellent and requisite requires something beside "hot air"; it takes composite, undivided action sustained by an inspiration of success utterly impossible short of a wide unanimity of communal hand and brain (especially the hand, with something in it). It is said to be impossible to "teach

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an old dog new tricks," but we are certain this ideal impulse can be aroused and applied, if but for once, just to demonstrate its wonderful efficiency. After that, the revelation may be relied upon to quicken the repetition time after time as circumstance and opportunity shall suggest. Think of it!

OUR INTERSTATE SCRAP.

Lest it be forgotten, we beg to announce that the Washington-Oregon scrap, over the demarcation of the bi-state line in the Columbia river, is now on; U. S. Senator Piles having just filed suit in the supreme court of the land, for the recovery of title and possession of certain river-islands involved in the controversy.

The claim of the State of Washington involves a whole lot of Oregon territory; some of it lying so close to the main Oregon banks of the river as to be prescriptively main territory; and these, in turn, involve valuable fisheries and other industrial agencies, that make up a huge total of value worthy the sharpest and hardest sort of contention. And the State of Oregon will put up the fight of its history to prove the futility of the claim from the north-shore. It is an easy thing to set up a claim, but quite another task to make good and win out.

The case at Washington will be closely watched by the whole Northwest; and Astoria's interest in the scrap is peculiarly significant since the new lines set up by our sister, run altogether too close to our harbor line, for comfort. "Slek Elm!"

Texas offers 3,500,000 acres of state lands at a low price. Has it performed an important duty by saving areas in the right places for forest reserves?

Advice for the Wall street stocking: "Stop gambling and running after deals with billions. Think more in millions, even thousands."

Vienna has decided to surround itself with a wide belt of trees at a cost of \$11,000,000. Hindsight forestry is expensive.

The region that raises the corn, wheat, cotton and provisions is not convinced that there is danger of hard times.

Even the head of the Navigation Bureau may run against a rock not down on the charts.

CHANNEL COMPLETED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The giant liners that sail from New York will no longer be obliged to wait for high tide in order to get out of the bay. The work on the new Ambrose channel has been so nearly completed that even the largest of the liners will no longer be obliged to wait for high tide in order to get out of the bay. The North German Lloyd is the first line to announce a change in sailing time, the regular liners hereafter leaving at 10 o'clock and the Mediterranean ships leaving at 11 o'clock.

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TEMPORARY INJUNCTION.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 4.—Judge Garland of the federal court yesterday issued a temporary injunction restraining the South Dakota Railway Commission from reducing passenger rates from 3 to 2½ cents per mile.

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Alderbrook Presbyterian.

Sermon in the morning by the pastor. Services will also be held every evening during the week at 7:30 by Rev. J. V. Milligan, D. D. Strangers cordially welcomed.

First Methodist Church.

The sermon themes for Sunday will be: Morning, "The Best Endeavor the Highest Excellence." Evening, "The Needle's Eye, and Who Then Can Be Saved?" A most cordial invitation is extended to all who have no church obligations elsewhere, to attend these services. If you have no church home, find one with us. Let us find the joy, strength, and inspiration of united service for Christ. C. C. Rarick, minister.

Holy Innocents Chapel.

Second Sunday after Xmas. Morning service only, 10 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m.

Divine service at Grace Church as follows: 11 a. m. The second service is under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary at 4 p. m. The evening service will be held at Calvary Chapel, Seaside, at 7:45 p. m. the Rev. Wm. S. Short and Rev. John Warren, officiating.

Christian Science.

Services at 634 Grand avenue at 10 o'clock a. m., subject "God." All are invited. Sunday school at 11:15 o'clock.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

Services will be held as follows: Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. with Mr. Albert Carlsen, superintendent. Wednesday, 3 p. m., the Ladies' Aid Society will be entertained by Mr. B. Ekos on Thirty-eighth street. Scandinavians are cordially invited to worship with us. O. T. Field, pastor.

Baptist.

Morning theme, "Approaching Things That Are Excellent." Evening subject, "Sin Killing." Beginning with the first Sunday in the new year special singing will be a feature of every service. Miss Esther Sundquist, an accomplished violinist from Chicago, will render special violin music at the evening services. Everybody invited to attend all these services. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

First Lutheran.

Sunday schools, both at the Upper-town and at the German Lutheran churches at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland and Mrs. A. Young, superintendents. Morning service in Swedish at 10:45; theme, "The Testimony of John Concerning Christ." Evening service in English at 7:30, theme, "The Past and the Future of Our Church Work." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock, Rev. J. V. Milligan, D. D., former pastor of the church and now synodical Sunday school missionary, will occupy the pulpit. Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30; evening worship, 7:30. The pastor will preach: "Usefulness, and the New Year." Week of prayer next week. Service every evening. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Revival Meetings.

A series of special services for revival will be held in the Methodist Church, beginning Wednesday evening, January 8th. Mr. Rarick has secured the services of Rev. C. M. Van Marter, a member of the Oregon conference and who is devoting this year to these special meetings in the State. Prof. Chas. H. Gray and wife have also been secured to take charge of the large chorus choir which now is being organized to lead in the singing during these special meetings. Rev. Van Marter will preach each afternoon and evening during the week and three times on Sundays. Every effort is being made to make the meetings interesting and helpful. These people come to Astoria with the best of recommendations as faithful Christian workers and will no doubt be of great service in building up the work of the churches in the city.

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